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Town Party Beats Forecast

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The August 26 Marion Town Party at Silvershell Beach was a huge success by all available accounts, but the town's Select Board first needed to hold a brief public meeting on August 23 to approve a Special, One Day Liquor License for ICJ Corp so it could serve alcoholic beverages at the event.

Executive Assistant Donna Hemphill explained at that meeting that there was a last-minute change in bartenders, necessitating the special meeting of the board for the issuance of the license.

There had been concern about the weather forecast going into last weekend, but in light of a promising afternoon, as noted by Select Board member Norm Hills, the town remained committed to Saturday as opposed to pushing the event to Sunday.

"We've had that happen in past years as well, and I always find that we have better attendance on a Saturday," Hemphill told the board.

"How many times have I not gone fishing and it's been fine, right?" asked Select Board member Randy Parker, agreeing with the decision to forge ahead on schedule.

Due to town offices being closed on Labor Day, the next meeting of the Marion Select Board has been pushed to Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station, where the board anticipates two public hearings for applications from Eversource to install an underground conduit and a utility pole.

Bullard's Hometown

By Marilou Newell

"British-born Joseph Rotch was the preindustrial age visionary who transformed New Bedford from a sleepy farm and fishing village to the global center of the whaling industry that endured for more than a century, shaping the city and the region into the 20th century." From the forward written by Ken Hartnett for "Hometown," a personal account and history of New Bedford written by its former mayor, John Bullard, and published by Spinner Publications. You shouldn't be surprised to find the main character is New Bedford.

Bullard's name is synonymous with the revitalization of New Bedford's seaport district along with other historical sites that this old, former industrial giant of a city called homeport. He is a native son in the true sense of the word, coming with long lineage to grandparents named Rotch.

Age may have slowed Bullard down a bit, but he carries on connecting movers and shakers with one another to continue the work he began decades ago, bringing vibrant, economically rich assets to New Bedford.

On August 26, the Rochester Plumb Library hosted Bullard, where he spoke extemporaneously for nearly an hour, sharing stories of his years working as mayor of New Bedford and building relationships with people near and far whose organizations might be able to improve New Bedford for all its diverse populations.

On the Cover: *Anatole Gaudion makes a big bubble during the Marion Town Party held on Saturday at Silvershell Beach. The event included food and drink and a plethora of activities for kids, including rock climbing, corn hole and face painting, while parents and townspeople enjoyed fellowship over food and drink. Photo by Ryan Feeney*

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The book itself is surprisingly heavy, weighing in at approximately two-plus pounds. It is laid out like a scholastic history book with wide pages covered in text and chapters that slowly build the story of Bullard's work and the multitude of people with whom he worked.

As a young man headed to college, Bullard said he didn't have a clear pathway, no grand plan for what he should study or put his hand to.

"I wasted two years of my parents' tuition money drinking beer," he shared. "I wondered, 'how should I engage the world?'"

A prolific reader, Bullard studied the words of Gandhi and Martin Luther King and embarked on what he thought would be a round-the-world trip by sea. But fate had other things waiting for the young man as he came to the conclusion, "I should go home. The light bulb went on, I should fix up my hometown." Bullard would go on to take his place at studying architecture and city planning for which he received a degree.

Bullard is the consummate public speaker, but his is a laid-back style, slowly building to the main point while entertaining the listener. We could have listened to him all day, as he wove tale after tale of his work and results with W.H.A.L.E. (waterfront historic area league), working with Sarah Delano rehabilitating the Zeiterion Theater (formerly the State Theater), running for mayor and winning in 1983, helping to establish NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and being a board member of the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

In the early days as a trailblazer for all things New Bedford, Bullard reached his hand out to all willing to put their shoulder to the work he identified as necessary for the immediate and long-range future of the small, struggling city.

Bullard believes that for those to whom much is given, paying it forward should follow. He appreciates the comfortable upbringing and home he was born into. He has spent his adult life helping others either directly or indirectly.

Among the many things Bullard has learned along the way, the health and well-being of the environment is at the top. He has studied and worked on

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sustainable development, development that could meet the needs of the people now and in the future. Bullard asserted there is no throwing "'away,' … if you discard trash, you just have to go get it later."

Bullard says that his time working with political leaders is nothing like what is happening today in Washington. "Kennedy and Orin Hatch worked together. That would never happen today." He said finding the level ground where disparate leaders could agree was the key but sadly not today.

Civil rights leaders knew Bullard's name as did fishermen, business leaders and those in political office. Yet, despite years of public service now chronicled for all to read, the seasoned champion of New Bedford has regrets.

"I should have paid more attention while I had the opportunity," Bullard admitted of his early years at Harvard. And when asked about the current state of New Bedford Public Schools, he responded that the current administration is doing well, but during his time in office he didn't have his eye on the school's issues. He wishes he

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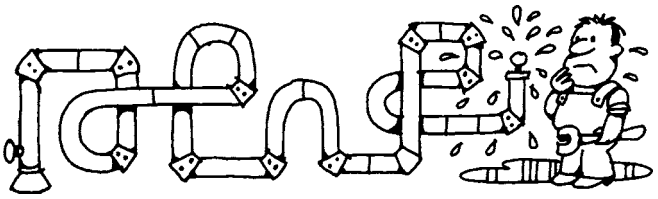

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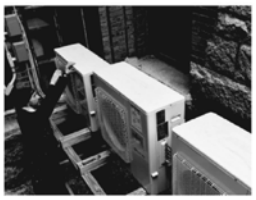

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could have a "do over."

And what if he were mayor today, an audience member queried. Bullard didn't hesitate answering. He quickly identified what he believes would drive economics in New Bedford: "The arts lead to economic growth."

A Harvest of Local Art

By Marilou Newell

The diversity of local talent able to produce outstanding works of art in a vast variety of mediums is, in a word, stunning. That reality was on full display at the Rochester Council on Aging, as the members held their first Beachside Art Show on August 24.

Although not a juried exhibit, attendees could vote for their favorite art with three winners announced at the closing of the event. Not only did the artists come out in numbers, the types of artwork spanned fine art to crafts, all executed to perfection.

We were stopped in our tracks by the precision work displayed in wooden pieces crafted by Bob Francis, a carpenter most of his life, he shared, with finish carpentry being his foray. Francis exhibited a serving tray, a serving bowl and a vase, demonstrating the exactitude needed in wood selection and placement to achieve three-dimensional patterns. His entry came in third place.

Bee Bettencourt brought her appliqued quilt. A snow-white field with appliqued quilt stitching over which she patterned a sea of florals. She said it took her two years to complete the enormous quilt and that she had two others in various stages of construction.

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A labor of love indeed. Bettencourt was awarded second place.

Lynette Torres is a graduate of Vesper George School of Art in Boston. Her still life of a wreath demonstrates her highly honed talent for realistic depiction. She commented in her artist statement that she enjoys working in pen and ink as well as pastel and watercolor. Now that her family is grown, she can fully immerse her energy into what she loves – creating art. Torres tied for first place with Betty Beaulieu.

Beaulieu has been painting "representational" style works of art for many years, primarily in that unforgiving medium of watercolor. Her stated themes are Rochester's countryside, pastural spaces, homes and barns and images with historical reference to the community.

The festive, evening event was well attended and fun with decorations featuring a beach theme, and there were plenty of hors d'oeuvres and beverages, primarily of the tame type.

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Other artists present and happy to discuss their individual artistic pursuits were Jane Egan - she'll be noted again in this article - Helen Johnson, Doreen Grover, Betty Devincent, Bunny Mogilnicki, Jeri Howland, Wayne Therrien, Millie Morrison, Barbara Allen, Julia Victorino, Sheila Martin, Janet Smith-Flaherty, David Morrison and Theresa Laspesa.

And yet there was still more ripe art to harvest!

Over at the Marion Council on Aging, a show titled Three Friends was simply gorgeous (closing as of August 30.) This show featured the creative work done by long time friends and artists Jane (Fitzgerald) Egan (who seems to have been everywhere this season), Charles "Chas" Wood and Jennifer Cipriano.

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Wood brought out his whimsical carousel horses, owl and landscape works. Of the carousel horses, he said he has traveled around the northeast taking photographs of carousel horses and giving them a life of their own. The paintings included horses once spinning, young and old alike at Lincoln Park.

Cipriano, who has been friends with Egan for some 40 years, said that today painting gives her a meditative outlet, that when she is painting everything else going on in her life melts away, and she is free to create. Beauty we might add is the byproduct.

As for Egan, her beachside pastels speak to the variety of inspirational scenes that ignite her imagination. Although not really part of her exhibited pieces, we found her orangutan delightful in its realism and playful appeal.

Want to stay tuned for more arts and crafts? Follow local councils of aging on Facebook or read their newsletters. Better yet, just pop in and find out what's going on. There's always something that can bring a bit of joy into your life.

Marion Ramps up Commitment to Be 'Dementia Friendly'

Marion Council on Aging

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

There are now more people over the age of 60 than under the age of 20, according to Dementia Friendly America Massachusetts. Marion's Council on Aging is taking this seriously.

On Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00 pm, the COA will host Dementia Friendly Massachusetts Project Director Patty Sullivan to introduce interested community members to a statewide initiative to expand dementia awareness. The grassroots movement is looking for locals in town to join the cause.

"All are welcome to attend, no commitment required, to learn more about expanding dementia care, resources and acceptance in Marion," according to a written release issued by the town.

Dementia Friendly America Massachusetts is an initiative of the Massachusetts Councils on Aging and a member of Dementia Friendly America, according to

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the release. Reached recently, Council on Aging Director Karen Gregory said she expects a robust attendance at the event.

"We have had people call and there is interest," she said.

The informational session on September 12 is an initial step in establishing a team of community members engaged in DFM's support programs through their local organizations, in this case the Marion COA. The town will sign the DFM pledge and, in return, receive a certificate of recognition.

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Promoting inclusivity and acknowledging the human dignity of those afflicted and working to improve their quality of life is the end game of this centralized effort focusing on education and support for those with dementia and their caregivers.

Since 2016, Marion's COA has hosted a Waterfront Memory Café, in which people diagnosed with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss, as well as their caregivers, partake in activities to improve memory. Gregory said, when patients forget words or run into other memory roadblocks, there is "no stigma attached. … They share a lunch and an activity together."

"With the support of our community, we hope to strategically implement programming to better serve our community members with dementia," added Gregory in the press release.

According to Dementia Friendly America Massachusetts, an estimated 130,000 people in Massachusetts live with Alzheimer's disease, and that number is expected to climb.

Historical Home Gains New Resident

By George B. Emmons

Henry Huttleston Rogers and Mark Twain were good friends and kindred spirits in many ways. They both were fond of theater, poker, billiards, practical jokes, the good-natured spoof, literature and architecture.

Mr. Rogers was a very successful American industrialist and financier. He made his fortune in the oil-refining business, becoming a leader at Standard Oil. He also played a major role in numerous corporations and business enterprises in the gas industry, railroads and copper.

When the United Memorial Church was being built in Fairhaven, Mr. Twain told Mr. Rogers, "This church will attract hundreds of sightseers. There ought to be a place they can stay."

Mr. Rogers agreed and built the Elizabethan-style inn, just two blocks away from the church. While the inn was being built, the initials "T.I." were carved in a stone shield over the entrance to the front door. After the inn was finished being built, Mr. Rogers reveled in

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what the mysterious letters meant. The new inn would be named "Tabitha Inn" in memory of his beloved, great-grandmother, Tabitha Crowell.

Unlike the grammar school, town hall, masonic building, Unitarian Memorial Church and other buildings, the Tabitha Inn was not a gift to the town. Instead, Mr. Rogers leased the building to Mrs. Catherine Price of Cambridge. She rented out the lovely rooms to tourists and Fairhaven teachers who came from out of town.

During World War II, the Navy took over the inn, and the Coast Guard trainees who were studying at New Bedford Vocational School were stationed there for two years. The Tabitha Inn was sold to the Catholic Church in

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I recently moved to Our Lady's Haven. I enjoy eating in the beautiful dining room there that was used a long time ago for weddings, parties and ballroom-dancing classes for local teenagers. The stain-glass windows throughout the building are beautiful, especially in the chapel where I attend Mass every day.

I feel very blessed to be living there, as the staff are all wonderful and knowing I am living in a building that Mr. Twain and other notable friends of Mr. Rogers also stayed. Apparently, Mr. Twain favored a room in the front corner with a beautiful fireplace.

In my illustration of Mr. Twain and Mr. Rogers, I included Tom Sawyer as well. Although Mr. Twain was a successful author, he had great financial struggles. Mr. Rogers stood by Mr. Twain over the course of his career and gave him the financial assistance that he so desperately needed.

Speaking of Surprises

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

Some years ago, there was an art gallery in the building that once held the J.A. Hagen Toy Factory next to the old fire station across from the Cathay Temple restaurant. I worked in the factory one summer before college.

It was a summer of misery, working in front of 100-degree ovens dressed in jeans and long-sleeve shirts covered with a rubber apron, standing in heavy rubber boots filled with liquid rubber that dripped down the apron, lifting heavy molds, enduring late nights on the second shift. But it supplied me with a wealth of stories I later wrote about.

The woman who ran the art gallery was searching for stories about the toy factory. When I heard that, I kindly obliged her by sending her a copy of one of the columns. She contacted me - I lived away at the time - and asked if she could chat with me next time I was in town.

As I walked into the gallery at the arranged date and time, surprise! There was an arrangement of chairs and a stool set up facing the group. I was expecting a casual chat, but it was clear a presentation was expected. I had to think quickly. Good thing I studied storytelling in grad school.

As invited guests settled in, I began my impromptu presentation with an anecdote. I told them that the last time I had been asked to speak in Mattapoisett was when I was a struggling artist; my first children's book had just been published. I was invited to speak to third and fourth graders at Center School, my old elementary alma mater. I was honored to return ... as a "celebrity."

I should note that the week before my visit, Norman Bridwell, creator of "Clifford the Big Red Dog" children's books, was the guest speaker. The week after me came Marc Brown, who created "Arthur the Aardvark" books.

Both artists, neither of whom were struggling, were rich men with their own TV series and all the accompanying profits garnered from shrewdly marketing their cartoon characters across America. I, on the other hand, eventually became but a humble, public-school art teacher in a high school far away from here.

In one of the classes I spoke to was a little red-headed sprite of a girl, sitting with her legs crossed in a circle of other diminutive third graders in the same classroom where I once sat. All those cute kids were attentively listening to me explain the ins and outs of illustrating a children's storybook.

Years later, as a member of a committee interviewing candidates for a recently vacated art teacher position, a freshly minted art school graduate bounced into the room with her portfolio eager to impress. She did and got the job. Later she told me she grew up in ... Mattapoisett. Surprise! And, she had attended Center School. A coincidence indeed.

I described the last time I was there, all those many years earlier. Again, to my surprise, and chagrin if you "mature" folks know what I mean, she said she remembered me. She said she remembered being fascinated with how I blended the colors and wondered how I did it. She now knew.

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Could it be because of me she became an art teacher? I don't think so, but who knows? I do know this: Every time I saw her, I was reminded of just how old I had become. There was another surprise. In addition to becoming a good teacher, she was a trained EMT. A valuable classroom neighbor at my "advanced" age.

By the way, the presentation at the art gallery went off without a hitch. A couple of coworkers at the toy factory were there, and their memories covered my lapses.

All's well that ends well. That was a surprise.

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on …." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Bauer Doggedly Determined to Create Park

By Mick Colageo

Eight years ago, a 16-year-old Freemin Bauer was going to make a dog park in Mattapoisett his Eagle Scout project.

"The head council, they were like, 'it's too much work, too much effort and it'll take too long,' which I can see now why," the 24-year-old said, recalling his teenage idealism. "For my actual project, I went to the Fairhaven dog shelter and fixed that place up and gave a bunch of

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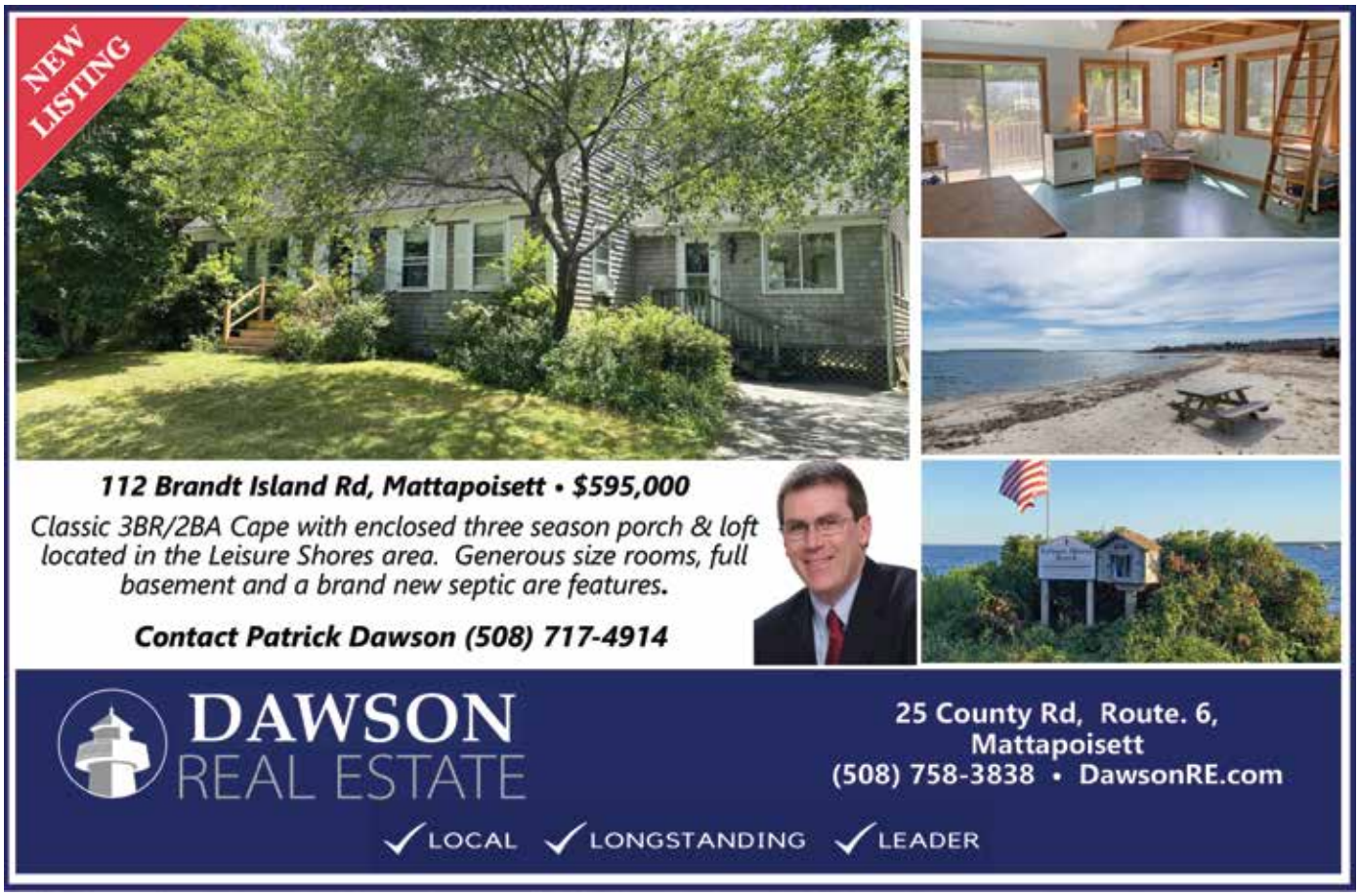

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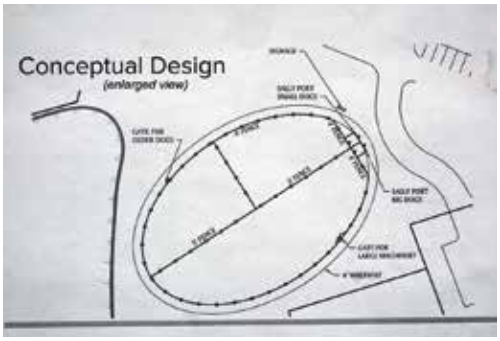
leftover materials and (orchestrated) funding for buying a washer to clean all the stuff, the beds, all their cleaning materials."

Bauer's uphill climb to get Mattapoisett a dog park rages on, and the key is the land. His mother, Select Board member Jodi Bauer, is at his side pitching in however she can and hoping it happens.

Saturday was the annual fundraiser dog walk in Mattapoisett, and participants walked their dogs around a prescribed village course beginning and ending at Center School, participated in a survey, and walked away with T-shirts promoting the cause.



"I just need to secure a piece of land, make a committee for a dog park and then apply for a nonprofit 501(c)(3), then I can apply for the Stanton Foundation (grant), which is built for dog parks," said Freemin Bauer.

In 2017, Wareham voters approved a $20,000 commitment in Community Preservation Act funds that qualified the town for its 10% match and $225,000 in

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Stanton Foundation Grant funding for its 6-acre dog park. Freemin Bauer says Wareham's dog park is several times larger than the one acre he would like to see dedicated for the purpose on Mattapoisett's Holy Ghost Grounds.

"I just want a little piece of land, one acre, not that much," said Freemin Bauer. "It's not like I'm asking for 100 or a whole giant piece of the town, I'm just asking for a little piece of property so that dogs can run around off leash. They need that. You let them free, they run around, they have their freedom."

Following Wareham's lead, Freemin Bauer describes the proposed layout for a dog park on the Holy Ghost Grounds to be oval shaped much like a horse ring. The entrance, he said, would have a "sally gate" so that if a dog escapes as another enters, the exiting dog would go no farther than the outer gate. The plan would include separation of large and small dogs and elderly dogs.

More than 35 other Massachusetts municipalities are listed on the Stanton Foundation's website as participants in the foundation's Dog Park Program. Freemin Bauer is trying to make Mattapoisett the first of the Tri-Towns to participate.

Survey results are anticipated by the middle of September, at which point the Select Board would presumably discuss the matter at its next public meeting. Residents can find the Holy Ghost Grounds survey online at Mattapoisett.net and mattrec.net, and hard copies are available at the Town Hall, Mattapoisett Library and the

Council on Aging.

Phragmites Eradication Planned

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

There is no easy way to eradicate the nemesis of many coastal property owners – Phragmites. But mere mortals do try to curb this tenacious, rhizome-driven weed.

On Monday night, the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission heard a Notice of Intent filing by Elizabeth Cannell of 5 Holly Woods Road. The applicant proposed a management plan for the eradication of phragmites in a bordering vegetated wetland, salt marsh, coastal beach and land subject to coastal-storm flowage.

The plan, as described by members of LEC Engineering, included the use of a drip system to kill off the weeds preceded by cutting down the massive field, a process that would take two to five years and require the use of chemicals. After the first two years, a planting plan would be submitted to the commission for establishment of native plants and a report outlining the status of the process.

While on the one hand, environmental agent Brandon Faneuf believed in the importance of removing phragmites whenever possible, the other hand was giving the thumbs down on the success of the project. Abutting Cannell's property is another massive sea of phragmites on someone else's property. Faneuf cast doubt on the success of the endeavor unless the neighbors are willing to perform a similar project on their waterside property.

Commissioner David Nicolosi was concerned that shellfish beds nearby would be negatively impacted. Both he and Faneuf were in agreement that before the project begins, the contractor needs to provide details such as protocols, procedures and associated processes to the commission. The project was conditioned with that stipulation.

A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Michael Smith, trustee of 6 Whaler's Way, for the construction of a shed measuring 10x12 feet in a FEMA-mapped flood zone. The project received a Negative Box 2 decision with the stipulation that the shed be tied down using helical bracing.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 11, at 6:30 pm.

New Blood Helps CIPC Overcome Losses

Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee has taken two big losses for the FY25 cycle about to commence, but its members were extremely impressed with the two candidates attending their public meeting on Tuesday night at the Police Station.

Paul Naiman, who has chaired the CIPC for the past several years, has stepped down for the current cycle to deal with health issues according to member Steve Nojeim and former member Dick Giberti, who was recently informed that he, too, can no longer hold membership because it conflicts with his role as the town's registrar of voters.

The applicants' attendance was the first of the prescribed steps toward membership on the committee. Janik took the opportunity to give each candidate the floor for extended introductions and questions, after which he acquainted them with the process that sees the committee collect information from department heads, consult with them on their capital requests and ultimately, prioritize Fiscal Year 2025 and 10-year-plan capital-project rankings for the consumption of the Finance Committee and Select Board.

Givens, who was the keynote speaker for Marion's 2022 Veterans Day observances at Old Landing, will add more military background to the town's think tank. She and her husband were both on active duty in Washington state until moving to New England. Mandy serves full-time in the National Guard out of Otis Air Force Base. She told the CIPC she has worked for the federal government since age 18 and is now 36.

"We've been involved in communities wherever we were living. A big reason why I ended up volunteering as the Veterans Day speaker, really and truly volunteering

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is the name of our game," said Givens, who has budgeting experience in the military but is eager to experience it from the municipal side. "It would be great to get exposure from a town's perspective."

Marion made sense for Givens and her husband because it is centrally located between their baby daughter's grandparents and their jobs. "We're not moving out of Marion anytime soon," said Givens, who is interested at some point in a full-time position in local government.

Barros is Givens' neighbor.

Watson's credentials stunned the members, who are excited to get her perspective from her work in other communities.

A 42-year Marion resident, Watson worked for Marion for 14 years as elected town clerk, treasurer and tax collector before taking a job in Barnstable, where she was treasurer 13 years and tax collector for 16 years. She retired last year and was on contract in Barnstable until June. She still serves as chairperson of Barnstable's investment committee.

Watson has chaired several committees in Marion, including the group that predated the CIPC. She chaired a 25-person committee tasked with organizing Marion's 150th anniversary celebration in 2002, including 42 different events within a week. She chaired the Marion Education Committee for 20 years. Her experience in Barnstable includes cap planning, working with the Finance and Budget committees and did all the borrowing for the projects. Her work helped Barnstable achieve an AAA bond rating.

Watson has also served as treasurer for two health groups and recently has worked as a consultant to North Attleboro, Plainville and Fairhaven.

"I know the entire process because I've been involved with it on a bigger scale," said Watson, who worked on Barnstable's debt service on 85 different projects. "Whether it's a small or big project, I know how it flows."

Janik suggested that Watson's "biggest challenge is going to be the boundaries of how we handle (the process in) Marion."

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Barros suggested that Watson might have valuable insight for the questionnaire that the CIPC hands out to department heads at the start of the annual capital-planning process. Janik agreed, especially given the slow start to the FY25 cycle.

While wholesale changes are not being entertained for this cycle, the CIPC is paying close attention to either candidate's criticisms of their forms.

Janik shared with the candidates the hard-copy forms that are annually distributed to department heads and discussed the many mitigating factors that can influence capital-project rankings, especially funding.

"We're a planning committee ... we're here to help the department heads think through ... not willy-nilly ... not just this year but up to 10 years," he said. "By them planning better, the town can get a better feel of what their capital needs are going to be."

By definition, a capital expense could be a project, a piece of equipment or a study, the key being reaching $10,000. Staffing does not count, and some items repeat often enough to fall under operational budget.

"The reason why it still works," said Barros, "out of the, say, 30 projects that you're ranking, those are consistent to you, then you get an aggregate."

Janik considers the process less a consensus and more so a calculation.

"The Finance Committee and (Finance Director) Judy (Mooney) actually use that ranking very, very seriously. They say, 'it'd be ridiculous if we didn't use it,'" said Giberti.

Janik hopes for the CIPC to meet on two Wednesdays per month through November, then after the holidays, the committee will have all its information to rank capital requests, then meet to share and calculate those rankings and finally, write a letter to the FinCom and Select Board.

In the immediate, Janik will seek to get the CIPC's recommendation of Givens and Watson as new CIPC members on the agenda for Wednesday's (September 6) Select Board meeting.

The next public meeting of the Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, pending the availability of a meeting place.

Variance Request Continued

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals still hasn't changed its mind about a requested variance of the town's 40-foot minimum setback requirement for an existing pool shed at 2 Bishop Road that it had previously cast doubts about approving. On August 24, the board ended up repeating the same message, leading to a further continuance to September 28.

Consulting engineer John Romanelli had said

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at the previous ZBA meeting that the 12x16-foot shed at 2 Bishop Street is less than 40 feet from 0 Bishop Street because he made a mathematical error when drawing the lot lines. Now the owner of 0 Bishop, Mark Wilson, wants to sell his vacant lot and needs his parcel to be a legally conforming size. But the pool shed owned by his client, Logan Smith, 2 Bishop Road, is massive, filled with electrical and plumbing infrastructure and would be difficult to move to make the lots conform.

On August 24, Romanelli proposed as a solution moving the lot lines of 2 Bishop Road by 10.1 feet to make the lot less nonconforming. He speculated that he would have to gain Planning Board approval first if that is the solution the Zoning panel would endorse.

Board members replied they were not ready to endorse anything. ZBA Chairman David Arancio said the problem remains that it is a self-created hardship and that the board would find it hard to grant a variance for such a case.

ZBA member Richard Cutler asked if anything on the 2 Bishop Street lot besides the pool infrastructure would prevent the property owner from moving the shed from its current location. The property owner's wife, Rebecca Smith, said the shed is on a concrete slab that covers underground plumbing for the pool. "It would be extremely difficult and inconvenient to move it," she said.

Cutler explained that to qualify for a variance, there would have to be something on the lot that would help or hinder a plan from happening. Board member Jeffrey Costa said he has sympathy for the petitioners, but the analytical side of him tells him something different. "It's not my problem," he said. "It's self-created. I can't vote on (a lot-line problem) that doesn't exist yet."

Board member Thomas Flynn put it more bluntly. "State law is harsh toward granting a variance if you caused the problem yourself," he said.

Romanelli then requested the continuance, and the board granted it unanimously.

Earlier on the agenda, Arancio noted it appears Town Planner Nancy Durfee's recent proposal to create an informal bylaw review study group will not happen, according to input from Town Counsel. As a result, the ZBA agreed to form its own bylaw review subcommittee.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson then described starting the type of bylaw study work that Durfee had wanted to see her own proposed group take on. Johnson said he, Building Commissioner Paul Boucher and Durfee have already begun discussion on Zoning Bylaw revisions regarding "in-law accessory apartments" and "back-lot development" regulations. He said he will share these revisions with the Zoning panel as the new subcommittee begins its bylaw review work. He noted all the town boards need to work together on such an important undertaking. "And keep the flow of information going," he said.

The Zoning panel agreed to form the

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subcommittee when all board members are present on September 28.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals' next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, starting at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Planting Island House Gets High Marks

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was duly impressed with the proposal for a new house in place of an old one on Planting Island and voted unanimously during its August 24 meeting to grant Elizabeth and Christopher Karvonen a Special Permit under Chapter 230-6.1c1 and 230-6.1c1a to demolish and reconstruct a residence at 56 East Avenue. The property is zoned Residence C.

ZBA members Chairperson Cynthia Callow, Will Tifft, Danielle Engwert, Dana Nilson and alternate member Joan Gardner established a five-member quorum for the meeting.

Representing the Karvonens, architect Will Saltonstall explained existing nonconformities on two setbacks, the front setback facing East Avenue and the side setback to the southerly abutter. Saltonstall asserted that the new house will not be any more detrimental to the neighborhood than the one it would replace.

The first variance would extend an existing,

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nonconforming condition. The original house was within 14.1 feet of the street, and the proposal is for a 15.8-foot setback. The existing garage is 12.8 feet from the lot line, and Saltonstall proposed the garage would sit 13.8 feet from the same line. He noted that the roof overhang is calculated in those measurements, as required by the bylaw.

Saltonstall explained that the applicants bought the house in 2014 and had used it as a summer home but are now planning to live there full time. As a result, the Karvonen's propose razing the existing, three-bedroom house and building a larger, three-bedroom house with a detached garage.

"They hired us to explore expanding the existing dwelling, which is kind of a modest cottage, and after a pretty rigorous exploration of that, we decided in the end that the structure didn't merit that kind of investment," said Saltonstall, whose mission was redirected toward designing a replacement home.

Saltonstall said the new house will have two floors but has been designed with cross gables so as not to be as imposing as some other new houses recently constructed on Planting Island.

The other variance would allow the proposed increase in height of greater than 10% of the original house (18.4 feet.) The new house would be 29 feet high, a 37% increase in height.

"But again, that's not a big box that's that high," said Saltonstall. "At the highest point, the structure's there, but again, we've worked hard to be considerate of scale and proportion of the … proposed house. … I think it's going to be very consistent with the streetscape on either side."

The Karvonen's also own the abutting lot to the west and according to Saltonstall, have reached out to all of their abutters but without a lot of specific responses.

The property, he said, "kisses the edge of the flood zone but it's actually a high lot for Planting Island, so it's … actually not in the coastal flood zone, it just kisses the edge of the 'A' zone."

The lot is connected to a Title 5 septic system that Saltonstall said is intended for continued use (Marion has a bylaw requiring a septic upgrade to include denitrification technology in all new constructions that is vetted by the Board of Health.)

Two abutters indicated concern regarding the tree line that could be impacted, but both applauded the design's effort to reflect favorably on the neighborhood.

Callow said she has received several calls regarding the emerging concerns regarding short-term rentals, including Air BnB's and suggested that the ZBA should be knowledgeable on the subject.

The Planning Board is currently formulating a draft for a new bylaw to address recent complaints among residents. According to Tifft, the town raises taxes by 5% for leases under 30 days.

The ZBA heard from Jeff Doubrava, who indicated interest in joining the ZBA as an alternate member. Callow acknowledged having worked with Doubrava when she was a member of the Conservation Commission, on which Doubrava still serves.

A chemical consultant for the past 20 years, Doubrava told the ZBA he is partially retired and will fully retire next year. He plans on living in Marion full-time for the rest of his life. He also serves as chairman of the Community Preservation Committee.

The ZBA agreed to recommend Doubrava to the Select Board for alternate membership.

Pending more information, the ZBA offered no comment to the Planning Board on two matters: the site-plan application at 1 Island Wharf and regarding a special-

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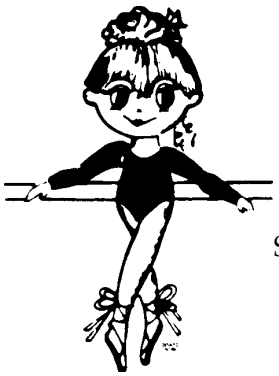

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Without scheduled cases, the ZBA did not set its next public meeting.

Marion Surpasses 20% in Energy Reduction

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Mick Colageo

What had been an arduous quest measuring progress in nickels and dimes has rather suddenly became reality for the Town of Marion, as member Bill Saltonstall reported to the Energy Management Committee on Monday night that the town has surpassed the state-prescribed goal of 20% in energy reduction.

"It sets us up for a somewhat more generous consideration for our requests for grant monies from Green Communities. … We couldn't do it in a five-year period but appear to be there in the sixth year," said Saltonstall, who traced the progress to approximately 24% reduction to the installation of heat pumps that replaced oil-burning furnaces in three municipal buildings this year.

Supply-chain problems blamed on the COVID-19 pandemic had delayed the delivery of those appliances in prior years.

"A lot of towns started the very first year of Green Communities (2008) and have yet to reach their 20%," said EMC member Alanna Nelson.

The statewide initiative offers grant funding that incentivizes towns to upgrade municipal buildings, facilities and infrastructure primarily by going electric in lieu of fossil fuels.

Prior to this sixth-year rally in energy savings, Marion had plateaued at approximately 18% reduction. Saltonstall was the point person for research that, for instance, led to an upgrade in Marion's streetlights to LED bulbs and a 49% cost savings. Overall, the town has cut its kilowatt-hour electricity consumption roughly in half, from 109,387 kWh when it joined Green Communities in 2017 to 55,514 kWh in 2023.

Saltonstall reported that Marion has reduced energy use in its municipal buildings by 29% and in open-space areas by 3%. Savings on electric vehicles

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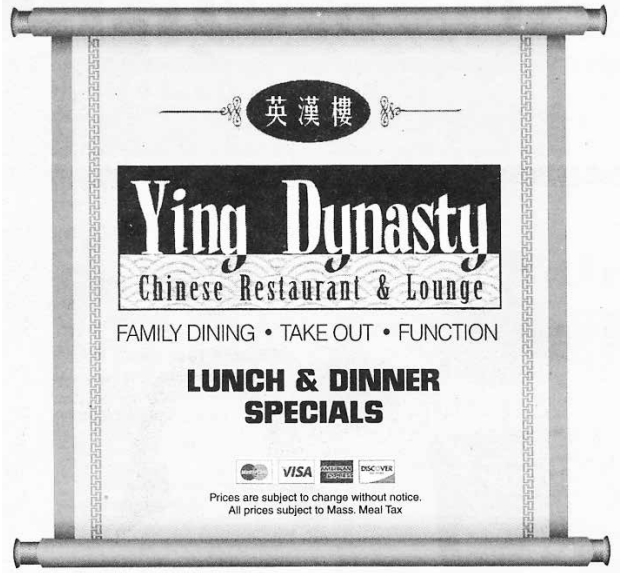

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The EMC voted to distribute Saltonstall's worksheet to the attending reporters at Monday's public meeting at the Police Station.

Saltonstall was also happy to report that a Zoom meeting with EMC member Jennifer Francis, Town Administrator Geoff Gorman and the company PowerOptions yielded new information that with verification, "may make it easier for solar projects."

Pending corroboration from Town Counsel, it seems the net-metering calculations that have held Marion back fall under a different program and do not need to be tallied up in the way the EMC had been. "We have a lot of questions about that, but it's going to free us up to do a lot of projects in solar," said Saltonstall.

Similarly, EMC member Tom Friedman has been corresponding with Green Skies Energy, a company that does municipal projects. Friedman was given the go-ahead to send Green Skies Energy Marion's three proposed solar locations.

Likewise, the EMC determined by meeting's end that it needs to decide which municipal building to target and recommend to Gorman that the town pursue it for a solar project.

"I think we have to do it in writing and start the ball rolling," said Saltonstall, who will work with fellow Nelson and Francis on a draft letter to bring back to the committee's next public meeting for approval.

As a parking-lot canopy, the Cushing Community Center is recognized as a relatively large solar project on the committee's wish list, while the Police Station (roof panels) is considered the smallest.

"I don't want to stuff this down their throat if they're not interested. These canopies are high, the low point would permit trucks 14 or 15 feet high to drive through. They're low structures," said Saltonstall.

Citing the needs for the aged to avoid direct sunlight, especially for sustained periods of time, EMC member Eileen Marum recommended a solar canopy at Cushing. "Seniors participating in activities would be

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protected from the elements," said Marum. "I think there are more advantages than disadvantages. ... It keeps the place cooler."

Saltonstall noted that the deteriorating parking lot outside the Cushing Community Center requires major renovation that could delay a solar-canopy construction for years.

The EMC is looking for a definitive conclusion to its efforts to put a solar project atop the landfill at the Benson Brook Transfer Station.

Nelson told the committee there will be a meeting next week with the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC.) Nelson said, if negotiations with the currently interested developer fall apart, the project would go back out to bid. "It would be good to expedite that decision," said Saltonstall. Nelson said she will tell CVEC that the EMC wants an expedient solution.

EMC Chairman Christian Ingerslev said that if the project is considered a problem, the committee should not throw out the idea but rather formulate a new proposal.

The EMC is researching solar scenarios at Sippican Elementary School and the proposed Harbormaster Department headquarters at Island Wharf, but Saltonstall's latest look at the Marine Center plans left him pessimistic about a roof-solar project. He said he saw nothing in the plans about heating, air conditioning or solar.

"I just say we scrap that whole building and put a trailer there. When we get a hurricane, pull the trailer out," said Marum.

The Marine Center plans call for renovation of the existing, grade-level bathrooms, but Saltonstall likes the idea of replacing the permanent structures with a portable system.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 25, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station.

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Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale

On Saturday, **September 9** from 9 am to 1 pm, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host their annual yard sale in Reynard Hall, rain or shine.

Lots of great items will be available, including small antiques, collectibles, home furnishings, housewares, sports equipment, books, small furniture, toys and games as well as new handmade crafts, baked goods and so many more treasures. Cash and checks accepted.

All proceeds will benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Welcome Home

On Sunday, **September 10** at 10 am, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host its "Welcome Home" event at Ned's Point. Everyone in the Tri-Town area is invited to celebrate with us in worship followed by a BYO picnic lunch. Traditionally, representatives from the police and fire departments are recognized for their caring service to the people of Mattapoisett. Following worship at 10 am, there will be games for the children, registration for Sunday School, plus ice cream. There will be fun and fellowship for all. Contact the church office with any questions at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Results

There were two beautiful sailing nights this week for the Tuesday and Wednesday races. The Ensigns raced in a shifty and dying wind but that didn't hinder Black Ice as they won both races. Odyssey got second for the night with a second and third, and Brou Ha Ha got a fourth and second placing them one point behind Odyssey for third

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Thursday August 31, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With…
9:30 AM Pete on the Street
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Charlie Bradley
3:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest: Orchestra
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Marion Institute - Weird Climate Chaos
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday September 1, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With…
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Saving Fisheries and Whales
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest: Chamber Music
8:00 PM Marion Institute - Weird Climate Chaos
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday September 2, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Ed and Rose Ann Lopes
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Fireworks Concert
5:20 PM Mattapoisett Road Race
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Old Colony - Welding Class Graduation
8:15 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest: Swing Band
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday September 3, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Mattapoisett Road Race
2:00 PM Marion Institute - Rough Weather Ahead with Jennifer Francis
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Marion Fireworks Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Famed Bird
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday September 4, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With…
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
11:50 AM Mattapoisett Road Race
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Marion Institute - Weird Climate Chaos
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Fireworks Concert
7:25 PM Mattapoisett Road Race
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Famed Bird
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday September 5, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Mattapoisett Road Race
1:35 PM Sippican Memorial Rededication
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Famed Bird
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
5:50 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest: Chamber Music
7:25 PM On Stage Theater Productions - Oliver!
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday September 6, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Saving Fisheries and Whales
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
9:00 PM Sippican Memorial Rededication
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:30 PM Marion School Committee
2:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:00 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
5:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
8:00 PM ORR School Committee
10:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
3:00 PM ORR School Committee
5:30 PM ORR Budget Public Hearing
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 8
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
9:00 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
10:30 AM Sippican 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Music Department Tribute
1:30 PM ORR FORM Brunch
3:00 PM OC Exploratory Day
4:30 PM OC Robotics Competition
5:00 PM ORRHS Unified Basketball vs Wareham
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - 1993 Undefeated Football Team
7:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas
7:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
9:30 PM ORR Girls Volleyball vs Apponequet
11:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven

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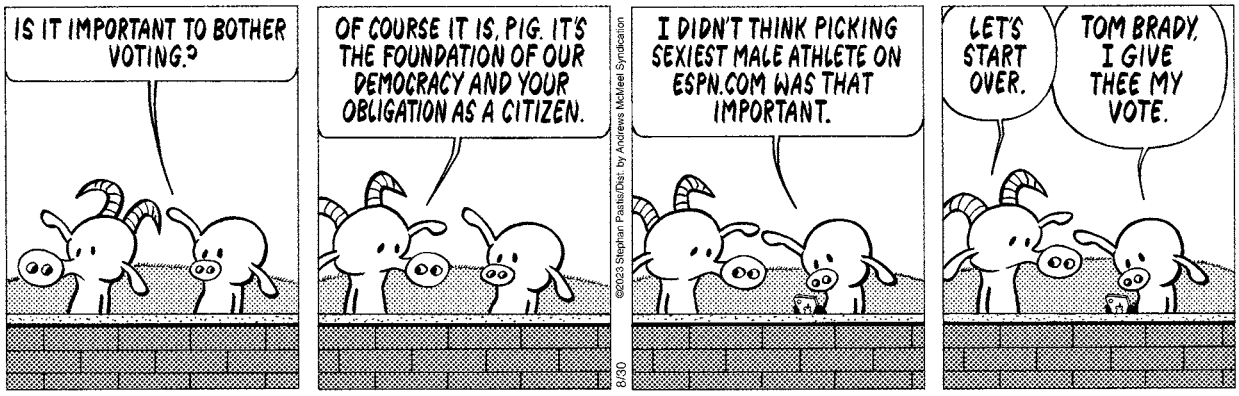

for the night. Hamburgler finishes one point behind Brou Ha Ha in fourth. It's still a very tight series with one week to go.

Series standings to date:

In the Wednesday Night PHRF Racing, Class A, Restless lead the way in this Wednesday night race which now places her in first overall for the August series. Second place for the night goes to No Quarter Given with Coconuts placing third. In B Class, it was Chickadee with a 45 second win over Firn a Tine. Third place went to Kinsail.

Close races for both classes and like the Ensigns, one week to go.

Rochester Women's Club

The first meeting for the 2023-2024 season of the Rochester Women's Club will be held on Wednesday **September 13** at 6:30 pm. The Rochester Women's Club is located at 37 Marion Road in Rochester.

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Ralph E. Sanford, Jr., 90, a lifelong resident of Mattapoisett, MA, the beloved husband of 63 years to wife Patricia, and devoted father to Caroline, Neal, Mark, and Paul, died peacefully at home on August 15, 2023, with his family by his side.

He was born in Westport, MA, on February 27,1933, to Ralph, Sr., and Emma (Hall). After a wonderful upbringing in Westport, the family moved to Palmer, MA, where Ralph finished high school. He then took a job as an apprenticed draftsman for General Electric located in Pittsfield, MA.

He married and lived in Dalton, MA for several years before moving to Mattapoisett where he and Patricia raised their children. Ralph pursued his education receiving his bachelor's degree from UMass Dartmouth and a master's degree from Bentley College. He was a gifted teacher and patient educator at Old Colony Regional Vocational High School and then as a respected instructor at Bristol Community College, retiring with the honor of professor emeritus. Ralph quietly and warm-heartedly shared his wisdom, knowledge, and joy of learning with his students, family, and all those he met.

He was an Eagle Scout, a proud Veteran of the Army who also enjoyed sailing on Buzzard's Bay, skiing all over the New England area, bicycling, traveling, spending time at Newfound Lake in Bristol, NH, and being a member of the AMC Four-Thousand-Footer Club. Members of the family will continue to carry on his many interests.

He is lovingly survived by Patricia, their children, their spouses, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are on Sunday (9/10) from 2 to 4 pm at Lambert Funeral Home & Crematory, 1799 Elm St., Manchester. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday (9/11) at 11 am at St. Raphael Church, 103 Walker St., Manchester. Committal prayers will follow at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 D.W. Highway, Boscawen, NH.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the services of veterans by way of the Manchester (NH) VA Medical Center (ATTN: Voluntary Service) at 718 Smyth Road, Manchester NH 03104 (https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/52253675) .To leave a message of condolence, please visit https://www.lambertfuneralhome.com/

John ("Jack") Watson Braitmayer, of Marion, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Friday, July 14, 2023.

A service to celebrate Jack's life will be held at 1pm on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at Wickenden Chapel at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA. A reception will follow. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book or to read the full obituary, please visit www.saunders-dwyer.com

Douglas "Doug" W Menard of Marion, Massachusetts peacefully passed away August 25 at his home in Marion, Massachusetts. Doug was born on October 3rd, 1946 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. After high school he was in the Air Force, and upon finishing his duty he relocated to Miami, Florida and attended college for landscape design. He soon moved back up to the Northeast and to Marion where his landscape company flourished. He had an eye for creating distinctive garden designs and displayed his work in the Boston Flower and Garden show. Doug had a brief stint with fame when he had a small role in the 2012 Chris Messina movie, Fairhaven (2012). He loved simple pleasures, having good food and a cold beer on his deck looking out to the river, listening to the Allman Brothers, watching college basketball, attending concerts in the area, tinkering in his yard, and reminiscing about his childhood summer days on Long Pond. He is the loving father of Kyle Menard and Jarrett Menard. Doting grandfather to Gavin Menard and Logan Menard. He is survived by his sisters, Claudia Warrington, Marilyn Watts, nieces, and countless friends and colleagues. Rifty-boo! Contributions in Doug's name can be made to SCVNA Hospice 200 Mill Road Fairhaven, MA 02719

Grace Suzanne was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Florence and Lester Crancer on 2/17/43. "Your mother has more grace wearing a potato sack than most women have in an evening gown" Dad used to say. She was still Grace when she graduated from Principia in '60, but by graduation from Wellesley College in '64, she was Suzanne Crancer Byron.

Sue met Alex in Cambridge. She was an editor for the Teamsters under order by family friend Jimmy Hoffa to interview Alex. Mom would say "I knew immediately I was going to marry this man". She was a sharply dressed, pirate-eyed beauty, he was a dashing Marine who swept her off her feet. "Saved me from a life of mere luxury" Mom would say with her wide, infectious smile. They couldn't wait to marry, so they eloped.

"I couldn't not live on the ocean, not since the first time I saw it", Mom used to say. So they moved to Marion where they raised four children and were happily married for 52 years.

Sue and Alex owned and operated Byron's Landing, a waterfront landmark in Buzzards Bay. She volunteered for political and humanitarian causes, saved historical buildings, fundraised for vets and managed town parties.

Sue was humble. "Classy" Dad would say because of the way she made people feel. She was a legendary beauty,

or a glass of wine. Being a resident of Rochester is not a requirement.

Mattapoisett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, **September 14** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. This month's guest speaker you don't want to miss is John Milligan, Executive Director MassGOP. Topic: Current State of the MassGOP. Other topics for discussion: Local initiatives, Upcoming events, sharing ideas with like- minded neighbors, support of candidates in future elections

If interested, please attend or contact Bill Reidy, Chairperson, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee at 508-287-8008.

Upcoming Programs at the MNHM

On Saturday **September 9** at 10:00 there will be a Butterfly Walk with the Marion Natural History Museum. Andrew Griffith of the Massachusetts Butterfly Association will be leading a walk at Nasketucket State Park in Mattapoisett. We will be looking for local butterflies and moths while examining their habitat requirements. Let's have some fun looking for our late summer residents. We will be meeting at the park and please plan to wear appropriate clothing for walking through vegetation. Event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at www.marionmuseum.org.

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a bonafide genius and a gifted writer, but she refused to flaunt her many talents.

A voracious reader and a lifelong student, Sue was an expert in antiques and New Bedford whaling history. An eternal optimist, Sue was fun and wickedly funny and always curious. "Only boring people get bored" she used to say.

Sue was a profoundly kind and selfless mother. She believed in romance and added magic daily. Mom was love personified. She knew what was important and in what order. She taught us to seek seemingly impossible solutions to unasked questions.

Sue died as she lived, in charge, with a song in her heart. An indomitable spirit to the end, surrounded by adoring family, gunning for Alex, the love of her life. Sue and Alex got married. "Best decision ever" us kids like to say these days.

Sue died unexpectedly at St. Luke's Hospital on 12/13/22. A private service was held August 27th in Marion.

Sue is preceded in death by husband Alexander Byron, daughter Florence Marie Byron, brothers Lester Jr. and David Crancer and wife Rosie, sister Mary Horton and niece Faith Horton.

Sue is survived by her children James Allen, Suzanne Elizabeth and Christopher Charles Byron, granddaughter Anthea Tripanier and husband David, great grandchildren, Delilah, David, and Artemis Tripanier, brother Robert Crancer and wife Barbara Hoffa, nephews Michael, David Jr., Jeffrey and Joe Crancer and David Horton, and nieces Holly and Barbara Jo Crancer.

Elizabeth Croll Atkinson, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully early Friday, August 25, 2023 at the age of 93. Born in Sayre, PA, she was the youngest daughter of LaRue

and Charlotte Croll of Waverly, NY.

Mrs. Atkinson was predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, Robert, and her sister Roberta Paden. She is survived by her two children, Robert H. Atkinson, Jr. and his wife, Christine, of Charleston, SC and Sarah Atkinson Cammiso and her husband, Marty, of Vienna, VA. Elizabeth also leaves behind seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth attended Stephens College in Missouri and received her Bachelor's degree from Boston University. She taught elementary school on a military base in Salzburg, Austria and then returned and worked for Horticulture Magazine in Boston. After she met Robert, they raised their family together. During this time, she worked as a substitute teacher. In her early 50s, she became an interior designer focusing on Colonial homes.

Mattapoisett was very special to her; she loved sailing, biking and spending time at the beach, as well as anitiquing and tending to her gardens. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elizabeth's name to the Mattapoisett Public Library (www.mattapoisettlibrary.org), the Mattapoisett Land Trust (www.mattlandtrust.org) or Veterans on Deck (www.veteransondeck.org). A private family service will be held in Winchester, Massachusetts.

Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

TriTown Happenings

The weather held off as area families converged on Silvershell Beach on August 26 for the Marion Town Party. Photos by Ryan Feeney

Sunset on Mattapoisett Harbor. Photo courtesy Ellen Scholter

The annual Dog Walk-a-thon was held on Saturday morning at Center School. Organizers hope to raise awareness that will eventually lead to Mattapoisett getting a dog park. Photos by Mick Colageo

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Afterschool Program with the Marion Natural History Museum will take a tour into the history of Marion's Bird Island Lighthouse. Let's learn a little about the history of the Bird Island Lighthouse. The lighthouse lamps were first lit in September 1819, and the structure has had quite a history since then. Its history includes multiple devastating storms, a ghost story involving the first lighthouse keeper and the long list of previous owners before the Town of Marion purchased the island in 1966. The lighthouse is maintained by the Marion Harbormaster's office, who will be providing entrance to the structure and hosting the tour. Time is 3:30 to 4:30 and drop off and pickup will be at the Harbormaster's office at Island Wharf. Sippican School children may request the museum's staff to retrieve your child at 3:00 and walk

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Aug 20-Aug 26
- Olde Logging Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Wildlife services
- Pleasant St – General service
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Planting Island Rd – Parking
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – General offense
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Cove's End Rd – General service
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Found property
- Spring St – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Joanne Dr – Suspicious person
- Creek Rd – Officer wanted
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Converse Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Weweantic River – Waterways
- Route 195 West – Road hazard
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Aug 20-Aug 26
- Marion Rd – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd - Notification
- Water St – Suspicious persons
- Mattakiset Rd – Animal control
- Cove St – Harbormaster emergency
- Ship St – Property found
- Cedar Point Ave - Threats
- Pine Island Rd – Medical/assist
- Prospect Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Cedar Point Ave – Search warrant
- Reservation Rd – Open door
- Church St – Missing person
- Cannon St – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Restraining order
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Prospect Rd – General service
- County Rd – Safe keeping property
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd - Disturbance
- Oaklawn Ave – Peace officer
- Ridgewood Rd – Assist citizen
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Lebaron Way – General service
- Church St – Suspicious persons
- Bay View BB Ave – Follow up
- Seaconet Rd – General service
- North St – MV violations
- Homestead Ct - Disturbance

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Aug 20-Aug 26
- Clapp Rd – Well being check
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious activity
- High St – 911 call
- High St – Well being check
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Bryant Ln – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Erratic MV/towed
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Bennett Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd - Vandalism
- High St – 911 call
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – General service
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Follow up
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln – MV collision
- County Rd – MV collision
- Maxim Rd – Animal control
- Randall Rd – Medical alarm
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Mendell Rd – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- Quaker Ln – MV collision/arrest

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No meals served
Tuesday, Sept 5: BBQ chicken, hot German potato, corn, corn bread, Mandarin oranges
Wednesday, Sept 6: Greek meatballs, egg noodles, zucchini & summer squash, oatmeal bread, mixed fruit
Thursday, Sept 7: Sazon pork, yellow rice, green & wax beans, whole wheat roll, tapioca pudding, diet: diet pudding
Friday, Sept 8: Mac n' cheese, broccoli, dinner roll, fresh apple

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No school
Tuesday, Sept 5: Taco nacho platter, Mexicali corn, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Sept 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Sept 7: Meatball sub, pasta salad, carrot sticks
Friday, Sept 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No school
Tuesday, Sept 5: Taco nacho platter, Mexicali corn, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Sept 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Sept 7: Meatball sub, pasta salad, carrot sticks
Friday, Sept 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No school
Tuesday, Sept 5: Taco nacho platter, Mexicali corn, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Sept 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Sept 7: Meatball sub, pasta salad, carrot sticks
Friday, Sept 8: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served warm, marinara sauce, savory green beans

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No school
Tuesday, Sept 5: Taco nacho platter, Mexicali corn, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Sept 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Sept 7: Meatball sub, pasta salad, carrot sticks
Friday, Sept 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No school
Tuesday, Sept 5: Taco nacho platter, Mexicali corn, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Sept 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Sept 7: Meatball sub, pasta salad, carrot sticks
Friday, Sept 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day – No school
Tuesday, Sept 5: Dino chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, Sept 6: Grilled cheese & chili
Thursday, Sept 7: Build a baked potato
Friday, Sept 8: Assorted pizza

them down the Island Wharf. Please register for this program at www.marionmuseum.org.

Audition for the MAC's Holiday Play

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions for its December production of Miracle on South Division Street, written by Tom Dudzick and directed by Donn Tyler and Maura Van Voris. Auditions will take place on Saturday, **September 16**, 12:00-2:00 pm and Sunday, **September 17**, 1:00-3:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. Performance dates are scheduled **December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, and 16, 2023**.

Synopsis: Clara Nowak and her three grown children have always known they were special, ever since the miraculous Christmas Eve when the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa. Now it is Christmas Eve once again, and they may need to revise their family history.

The director will be casting the following roles: Clara Nowak (female, 50+), No-nonsense matriarch who defends the traditions and values of her immigrant parents; Beverly (female, 30's), oldest daughter, an avid bowler, outspoken and opinionated; Ruth (female, 20's-30's), middle child, a storyteller and aspiring actress who wants to move to the big city; Jimmy (male, 20's-30's), youngest child, a big-hearted garbage man who is happy with his life.

Learn more and view sides/script samples at marionartcenter.org/events. Questions may be sent to co-director Donn Tyler at tyler.donn@gmail.com.

New Play Coming to the MAC Stage

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present These Shining Lives, written by Melanie Marnich and directed by Pippa Asker. Performance dates are **October 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28**. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:30 pm, while Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00 pm. The cast includes Kiah Allaire, Oliver Asker, Ron Biever, Jack Boesen, Ann-Marie Foley, Allie Goodman, Bethany Lamoureux, Tristan McCann and Gary Sousa. Suzie Kokkins is stage manager, with Steven McManus and Owen Osterday as sound/lighting technicians.

These Shining Lives chronicles the strength and determination of four women considered expendable in their day. The beauty of Catherine and her friends' relationship with one another and with those they love, is a story of survival in its most transcendent sense, as they refuse to allow the company that stole their health to kill their spirits – or endanger the lives of those who come after them.

Tickets, $20 for MAC members and $23 for nonmembers, can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events. The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program, in collaboration with the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, and the Massachusetts Health Connector, by broadening accessibility to cultural programming. Learn more about the MAC's free or low cost ticket offerings at marionartcenter.org/about.

The Macy Women at the MAC

The Macy Women are back. After 10 years of going their separate ways, three sisters born of artistic heritage unite their art to tell their individual stories. Discover expressive illuminating palettes of color, with styles unique to each artist. The exhibit is a tie; a family ribbon that binds.

The Macy Women: Separate Lives; One Epiphany of Color, with paintings by: Beth H. Macy, Deborah Macy and Maggie Macy. Show dates are **September 30 to November 3** at the Marion Art Center with an Opening reception on Saturday, **September 30**, from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Beth Heather Macy, with her years of traveling for business, through many countries and cultures, presents the beauty and joy of nature, inviting the viewer to look again to see something new. She uses bold, impressionistic strokes, often depicting the marshes, shorelines and wildlife around her Newbury, Massachusetts home. Beth's works are in collections from New York to Australia. Beth's work can be seen online at www.islandpainter.com, and she can be contacted at beth@islandpainter.com.

Margaret Rose Macy brings the simplicity of her upbringing in rural Westport, Massachusetts, and her

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Movie Review

Locked Up

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***Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence* (1983). Starring David Bowie and Ryuichi Sakamoto. Directed by Nagisa Ōshima. Running time: 123 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on physical and streaming home media.**

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of its American release on September 2, Nagisa Ōshima's *Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence* seems even more melancholy these days. Its two pop stars turned actors are no longer weaving their magic; David Bowie returned to his home planet in 2016, Ryuichi Sakamoto (who also composed the film's searching score) left us in March of this year. The movie unfolds during World War II, on the Japanese-held island of Java, where stands a grubby POW camp. The camp's commander is Captain Yonoi (Sakamoto), slim and elegant and young and beautiful; his English equivalent is the newly arriving prisoner Major Jack Celliers (Bowie), also slim, elegant, young and beautiful. This might be a love story for the ages if not for its setting. Then again, maybe it is anyway.

Though the film opens with a kerfuffle involving a Korean prisoner who apparently tried to have his way with a Dutch prisoner, it's not so much about repressed homosexuality (although that's in the mix) as about diametrically opposed forces that have more in common than not. The Mr. Lawrence of the title is prisoner Col. John Lawrence (Tom Conti), who speaks fluent Japanese and has struck up something of a friendship with the camp Sgt. Hara (Takeshi Kitano). These two men reach towards each other, grateful for the opportunity to relate as men and not as soldier/prisoner. I wouldn't say Ōshima avoids homoeroticism so much as indulges it in a sidewise manner — Celliers grinning as he eats a flower, and so on. Really, the movie pits beauty against brutality, nature against the death machines war tries to make out of men.

It's an exceptionally odd film, with more dialogue about physical frailty and moral guilt than you'd expect. Roger Ebert was nonplussed by the war between the movie's two acting styles — the mumbly, sardonic British and the shouty, severe Japanese. (Bowie said Ōshima micromanaged everything the Japanese actors did, but left the British actors more or less to themselves.) But one of the contrasting forces here is the difference in repression; neither the Japanese nor the British generally have the language to express what they're feeling. (The face of the typical blustery, get-on-with-it British soldier is Jack Thompson as the POWs' commander, until Yonoi wants to replace him with Celliers.) There's a longish flashback in which Celliers reveals his secret shame, that he protected his disabled little brother, but only up to a point. The Japanese and the British have different languages, different cultures surrounding shame, and their seeming to share a weird Venn overlap of psychic land, wherein shame is the common subset, is part of the point.

Ōshima lets Tom Conti deliver the movie's message, that nobody was right and everyone got dominated by brutal authority. (Conti seems to bring that same queasy wisdom into *Oppenheimer* as Albert Einstein.) The acting is mainly performed at a pitch of extremes. Yonoi and Celliers stare at each other across many kinds of no man's land. Human connections between the groups, when made at all, are fleeting and almost abstruse. Hara has a bluff, affable relationship with Lawrence; he gets tanked on *sake* and gives Celliers and Lawrence a reprieve from death, because someone else was tortured into confessing to the offense (smuggling a radio into camp) and, hey, it's Christmastime.

Christmas, of course, hits differently in Japan than in the Western world; it's a secular day meant for families to get together. The final image finds Hara, his smile taking up half the frame, reiterating his yuletide wishes to Lawrence, as per the title. Ōshima probably isn't saying anything as simple as that Hara and Lawrence, and Yonoi and Celliers, are part of the same family of man. We're free to imagine how these men might have greeted each other in another time and place. They seem to see themselves in one another, and vice versa. *Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence* acquires depth and emotional scope the more you dwell on it, and it's very much designed (to be honest, it's borderline poky) so that we can dwell on it. It gets at the way soul-sickening self-recrimination can be a bridge to someone else's common guilt. Put a corresponding political layer over all that — Japan and Britain facing their own sins of empire — and we have a true forgotten great film.

years of living on the magnificent coast of Maine to her paintings. She has found her roots and peace in painting the landscapes, seascapes, horses and florals from her surrounding area.

Deborah Beth Macy from Dartmouth and New Bedford, Massachusetts, shows her love of the multicultural in costume in her figurative work, and her portraiture celebrates a diversity of complexions and cultures. Deborah is a juried member of The Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, and has won numerous awards from the Cape Cod Art Center, Cape Cod Cultural Center, North River Arts Society and from the CLWAC at The Salmagundi Club. Deborah's work can be found at: www.deborahmacy.com, and she can be contacted through her website.

Historic District Study Committee

The Marion Village Historic District Study Committee will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, **September 12** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

This public presentation will explain the Study Committee's progress since being formed last winter. Preservation consultant Eric Dray will present a brief history of Marion Village and its architectural styles – a village which he believes is "the most intact historic town center on the South Coast." He will explain how the area's historical development informed the proposed district boundaries, how the historic district process would benefit our community and how a design review process might look for Marion. There will be an open floor for questions from Village residents and others.

Will Tifft, Chair of the Study Committee, will also present the results of the survey sent to property owners in June. The positive results of that survey have guided the Committee in its selection of a design review process that focuses on demolition, new construction and new additions. Routine maintenance, replacement-in-kind and minor alterations would in most cases be excluded from review.

All Marion residents are invited to attend and learn more.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The 139th Summer Season at St. Philip's Episcopal Church concludes on Sunday, **September 3**. The Rev. Jeffrey Paull Cave, Retired Diocese of Atlanta, GA will conduct services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Then at 4:00 pm, the Rev. Cave and the Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI will lead the congregation in an old-fashioned Hymn Sing. Hymns are introduced along with their history and background, and requests for favorites are encouraged. The Rev. Straley, prior to becoming a clergyman, was the organist and choirmaster at The National Cathedral, Washington, DC.

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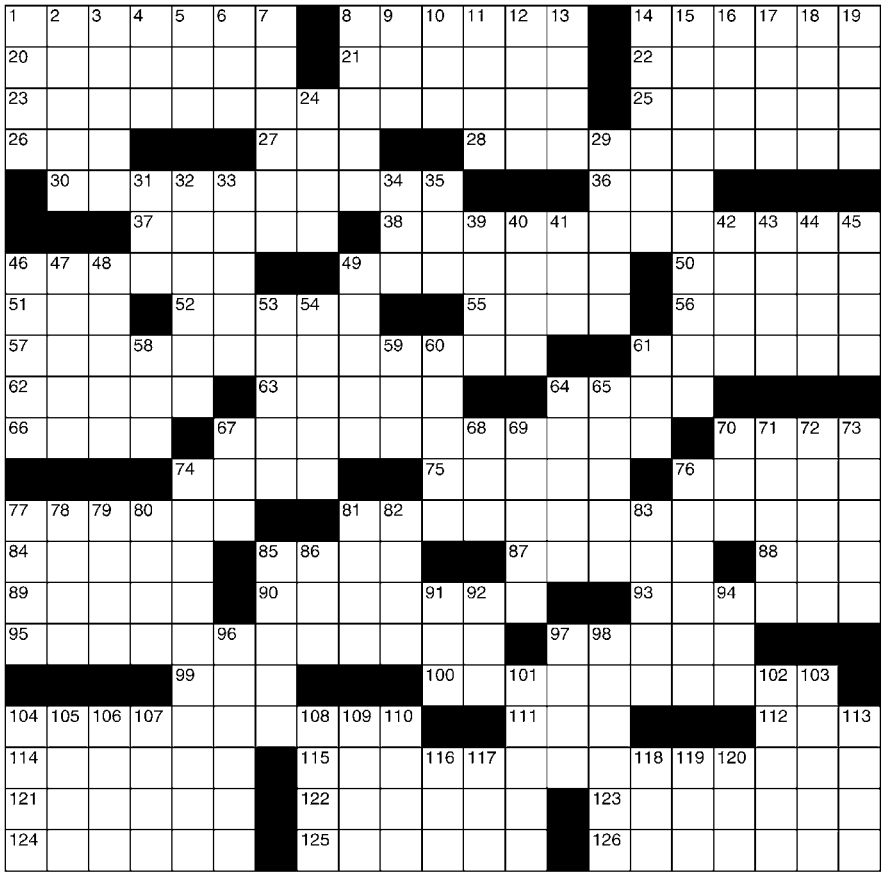
22 Come about over time
23 Oscar-nominated actress for "Georgia"
25 The X's of XOXO
26 Even, in golf
27 Was in a pew
28 "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
30 "Morning Has Broken" singer
36 Eggy holiday drink
37 Building floor
38 Noted Dodge City sheriff
46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.
49 "A Christmas Carol" miser
50 Too trusting
51 "Got ya!"
52 Jesting sort
55 Opening in a schedule
56 Cove, e.g.
57 2013-14 co-host of "The View"
61 Foldable beds
62 100-eyed mythical giant
63 Boat's load
64 NFL Hall of Famer Carter
66 Well-honed
67 "The Situation Room" host
70 Middle East's — Strip
74 Diving venue
75 Made a typo, e.g.
76 Got along
77 "GLOW" star Brie
81 Longtime panelist on "To Tell the Truth"
84 Funny stuff
85 Hooplas
87 "Hey, I was thinking ..."
88 Crude liquid
89 Partner of alas
90 Nine-sided figure
93 Sharp pang
95 Defensive tackle whose #86 was retired by the Chiefs
97 Best athletes
99 Gray color
100 1958-82 Crimson Tide football coach
104 Champion of 15 golf majors
111 Corp. kahuna
112 Parseghian of Notre Dame
114 Like a day in June, in a Lowell poem
115 People ... or an alternate title for this puzzle
121 Flavorings for absinthes
122 Tell, as a tale
123 Outstanding
124 Liquefy anew
125 Old truisms
126 No-goodnik

DOWN
1 Tire-filling tool
2 "I, Robot" writer Asimov
3 Cotta or firma preceder
4 Virtuoso
5 Fido's foot
6 Newsman Melber
7 More jittery
8 Very slightly
9 — Tin Tin
10 "Lust, Caution" director Lee
11 Atom modeler Niels
12 Golfer Aoki
13 Barber's tool
14 Tie again, as a necktie
15 Supersmart supervillain
16 Emulate a supermodel
17 Snow queen in "Frozen"
18 With, to Fifi
19 "Concetta" pianist John
24 SEAL's group
29 Map of Hawaii, often
31 Lao- —
32 Actor Keach and singer Lattisaw
33 Greeting on a May greeting card
34 "Chicago Med" airer
35 Fraternal patriotic org.
39 Reggae singer Peter
40 "Holy —!"
41 In the past
42 Throw a fit
43 Fodder tower
44 Cooking appliance
45 Clears, as profit
46 Pat of "Wheel of Fortune"
47 At that place
48 Cooking appliance
49 Neck warmer
53 Singer Marilyn
54 Bluff-busting poker words
58 Prioress, e.g.
59 Abbr. for three primary colors
60 Words on a flat rental sign
61 Yule tree
64 Prague native
65 — a beet
67 Prevailed
68 NYC subway inits.
69 Test in a fitting room
70 Moo goo — pan
71 Fire felony
72 1983 Woody Allen movie
73 "Hello" singer
74 Political patronage, informally
76 Migrating birds' regular route
77 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
78 Real doozie
79 Apple option since 1998
80 Ankle coverer
81 Coffee from Hawaii
82 "This — emergency!"
83 Star-giving critic, e.g.
85 — chili (pepper type)
86 Cry of Homer Simpson
91 Chin-wag
92 Nearly zero
94 "— Little Teapot"
96 A "Baby Bell" phone co.
97 Environs
98 Choice loin steaks
101 Tiptops
102 Dubbed
103 The "T" of LGBT, in brief
104 Old overlord
105 "XOXO" actress Skye
106 Ghastly
107 Loosen up
108 Other, in Oaxaca
109 Batted without playing the field, for short
110 "CSI: NY" actress Ward
113 Choral voice
116 Ugly witch
117 Pickup's kin
118 "I love," to Luisa
119 "I Hate Valentine's Day" actress Vardalos
120 Quaint hotel



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins' major focus this week, but outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustments because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Playing cat and mouse with a matter you've been avoiding wastes time, energy and, most importantly, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a "no go" wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you find.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur, as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. The someone new for this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A pile-on of personal matters this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with, but handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need your good advice regarding a matter. Be supportive, but unless you can be absolutely sure you have all the facts, also be careful about any suggestions you're asked to offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for bringing out the best in people, no doubt due to your inspiring work ethic and sensitive nature.

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Three priests will be honored at the Hymn Sing for their 40 years each of service to St. Philip's: the Rev. Cave, the Rev. Robert Malm, and the Rev. Philip Jacobs. A reception follows the Hymn Sing in the side yard. All are welcome to St. Philip's located at 34 Water Street, next to the Mattapoisett Town Beach.

Sippican Woman's Club

On Friday, **September 8,** Sheryl Faye will masterfully bring to life the incredible and inspirational Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the meeting of the Sippican Woman's Club at its clubhouse aka "The Tavern", 152 Front Street, Marion at 12:30 pm. Since 2003 Sheryl Faye has developed over ten programs on individual historical women whose influence continues to inspire women today. The program is preceded by a luncheon, an opportunity to socialize and a brief business meeting. Sheryl's program will begin at 1:30 pm.

During her lifetime Ruth Bader Ginsburg or RBG as she was known, out performed most men as a student, lawyer, jurist

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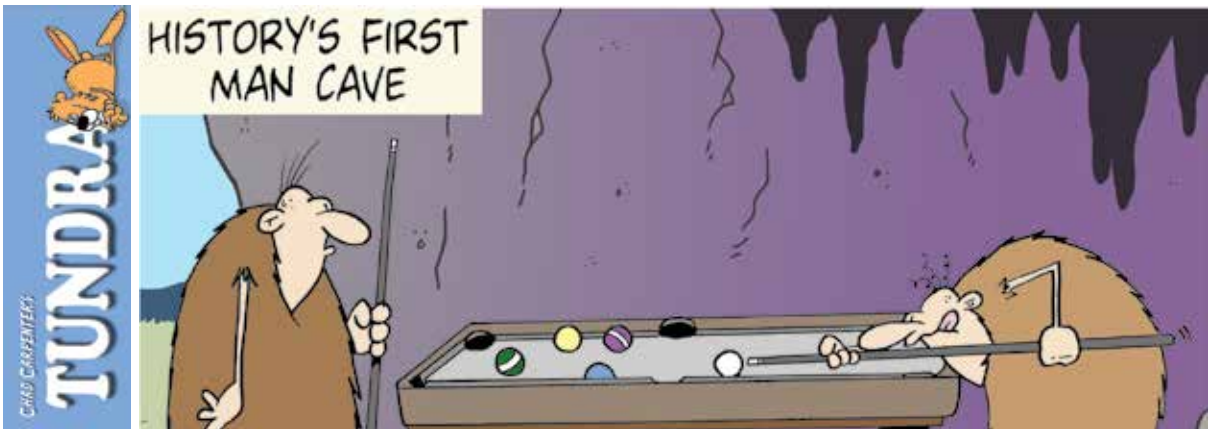
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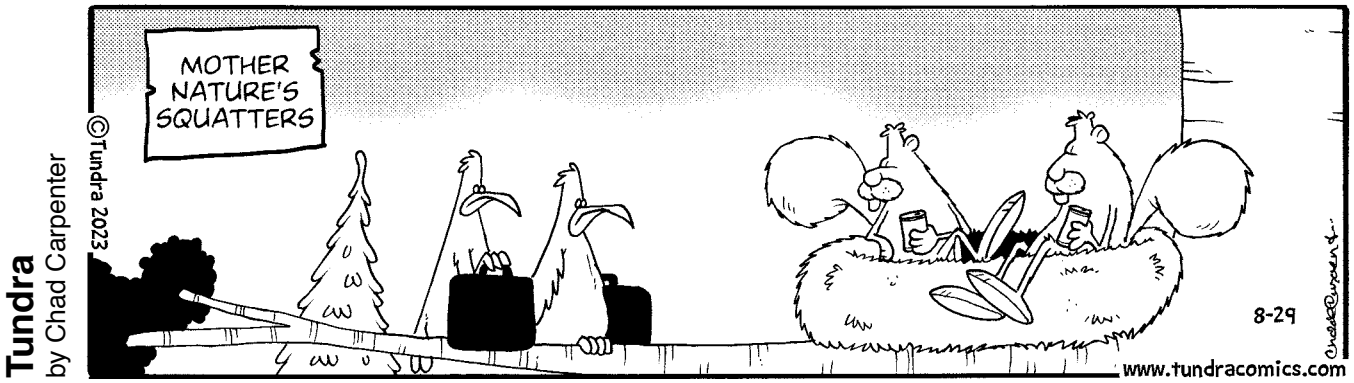
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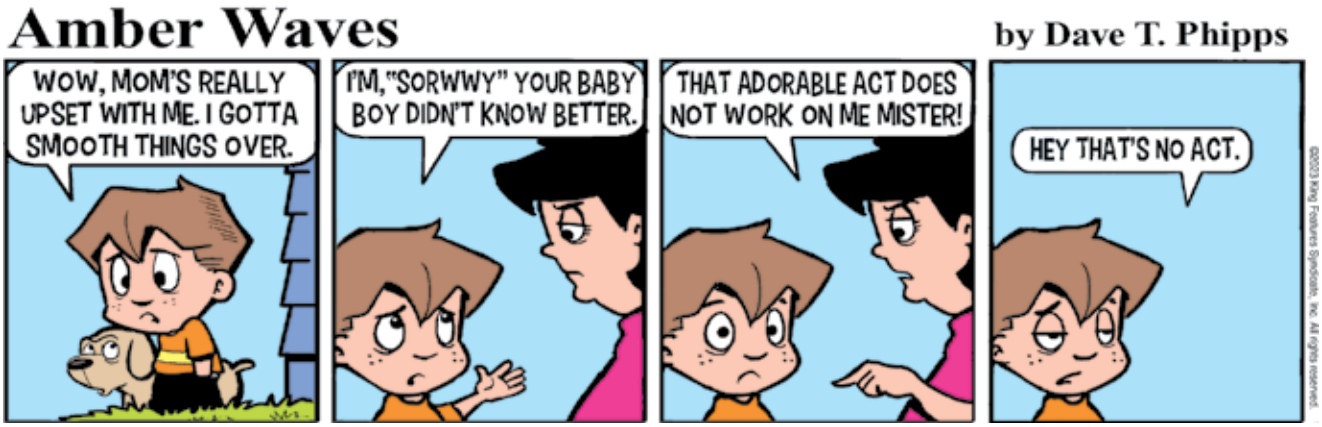
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Mattapoisett Library September Programming

This September the Mattapoisett Free Public Library has programs planned for teens and adults. Starting Tuesday, **September 12** at 3 pm, Craft Tuesday returns to our Media Lab. Stop by for a quick craft and some fun. No registration is required.

The Teen Advisory Board returns after a long break on Tuesday, **September 12** at 4. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome. No registration required.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
MARION HARBORMASTER OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified, licensed and registered contractors to provide new construction of a wood framed elevated Harbormaster Office Building. Bid documents will be available on Project Dog (projectdog.com – Document #847626) on September 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Bid documents will also be available for viewing at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion and Catalyst Architects, 203 Willow Street, Yarmouthport, MA. Sub Bid Deadline (Electrical, Elevators, HVAC, Painting, Plumbing, Roofing and Flashing) is October 4, 2023 at 2:00pm. General Bid deadline is October 12, 2023 at 2:00 pm. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Minority and Women's Business enterprise are encouraged to submit bids for this project.
Geoffrey Gorman, CPO
Town Administrator 8/31

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has been scheduled for September 12, 2023, at 6:35 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application submitted by: What the Taco, Inc., 20 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, for a Section 12, All Alcohol On-Premises License.

Manager on record to be Megan St. John.

Select Board agenda dated September 12, 2023, will provide ZOOM information.
Jodi L. Bauer, Chairman
Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman, R. Tyler Macallister, Clerk 8/31, 9/7

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street
Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 18, 2023, at 7:05 pm to consider the request of Sherman Briggs for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Chapter 230-7.2 General Requirements and under 230-8.11.C Erosion Control.

The property is located at Spring Street and Mill Street, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 24, Lots 36A, 37, 37A and 38, zoned Residence E.

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please call or email Terri Santos for remote participation information: tsantos@marionma.gov or 508-748-3517 during normal business hours.
Tucker Burr, Chair
Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 8/31, 9/7

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Dale & Susan Snow for construction of a mudroom at 15 Rezendes Terrace.

The site is further identified as Lot 28 on Marion Assessors' Map 7A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
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TOWN OF MARION
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The site is further identified as Lot 69 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by David Johnson for trees to be removed at 2 Sassamon Trail.

The site is further identified as Lot 131 on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Don E. & Barbara Easterday, Trustees to construct a 24' X 26' garage at 52 Cove Circle.

The site is further identified as Lot 94 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the request for Amended Order of Conditions submitted by Rose & Mark Robert, 17 Ned's Point Road in Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 7, Lot 32.
The applicant proposes to reconfigure the locations of the pool and the pool house at 17 Ned's Point Road.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 8/31

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. SE 44-1465 submitted by David & Lois Monteiro.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicants propose a reduction in the scope of work which will reduce the length of the residential pier facility by 10-feet.

The proposed work will be performed within a Salt Marsh, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, Riverfront Area and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 20).

The property is located at 35 Mattapoisett Neck Road which is further identified as Lot #143 on Assessors Map #11. 8/31

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by William Ebert, 4 Marina Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to build a 24'x26' garage where existing drive is located on the north side of the house. The project is located at 4 Marina Drive, and is further identified as Lot 36.0 on Assessor Map 14.B
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painting 'Falling for Fall'. Either follow along step-by-step or make changes as we go to customize your artwork. All materials are included - Each participant will receive a large 11x14 stretched canvas to work on and take home. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration is required.

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The Savers Truck will be at Plumb Library on Friday, **September 22** from 2:00-6:00 pm and Saturday, September 23 from 8:30-10:30 am to pick up donated clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, handbags and linens. Please use standard kitchen-size bags only. Every pound of items collected earns money for the Friends of Plumb Library.

The Friends of Plumb Library will be holding a 2-day book sale in the library's program space downstairs on Friday, **September 29** from 10:30 am-4:00 pm and Saturday, **September 30** from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. We will accept donations for the sale starting the first week of September.

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by Linda Thistle

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The Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt Continues

In case we didn't give you enough time to complete your scavenger hunts, the Rochester Historical Society is extending the time to bring in your pictures until **September 30** when you can bring them to the Museum during our Open House for our new exhibit: Maps, Signs, and Celebrations, Part 2 and our annual Cranberry Bake sale.

You don't need to find all of the places to earn a prize and we'd love to see what you've found. There should continue to be copies at the Rochester Library.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Over the course of Rochester's almost 350 years of history, it has been home to many illustrious men and women. Some served in town, state and federal governments, while others stood out in the fields of religion and education. One resident, however, who fits in none of these categories, has had an enduring hold on the imagination of those who have chronicled Rochester history.

Eugenia Haskell, daughter of Nathaniel Haskell, was a lovely woman who won the hearts of many suitors but never married. She was a delightful hostess and an intelligent conversationalist who was up to date on world affairs and popular literature. She also capably ran the family homestead and farm with the help of her "hired man".

While we know quite a bit about Eugenia's life and her death in her late 80's, what is less well known is the controversy that swirled around the disposition of her last will and testament. That will was contested by heirs of Nathaniel Haskell in the case of Harriet E. Little et al vs. George H. Silveira.

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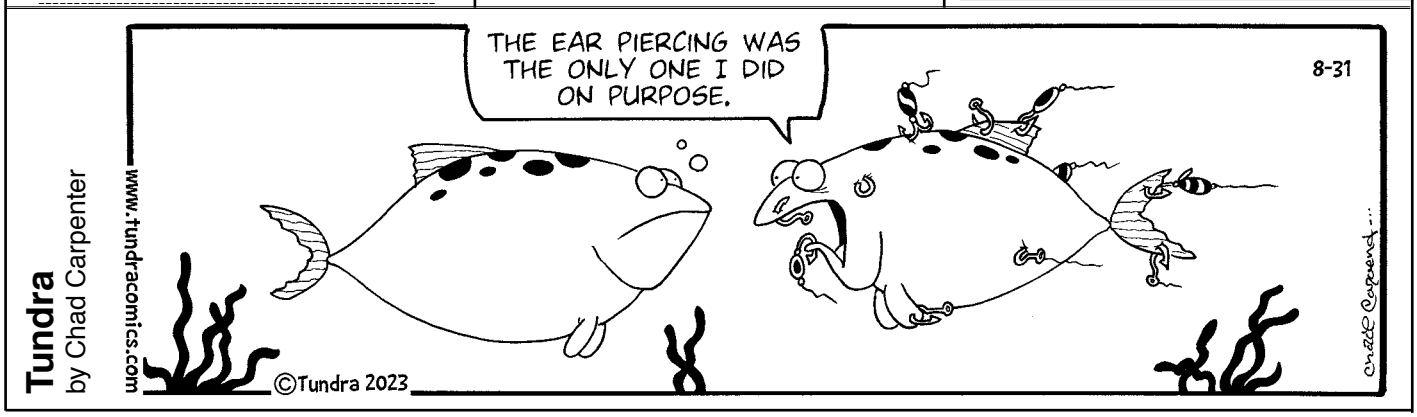

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As a concerned father, he saw to the future of his three daughters. His will states," to them (the daughters) and their heirs as tenants in common, all the residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, so long as they shall remain sole and unmarried, and if either of them should marry, my will is that those who remain single shall have the portion so devised to the one who is marrying".

The will went on to explain what money would change hands in the event of any marriage. However, these clauses were never enacted as for some reason, none of the three daughters, Charlotte, Julia and Eugenia ever married. Julia and Charlotte died "testate" which meant all the real estate and any interests went to their surviving sister, Eugenia. She carried on living in the home and maintaining the farm with the help of George H. Silveira, her "tenant, a Portuguese who had been in her employ for many years". It was to this man, often referred to as the "hired man" that she left the farm, homestead and the bulk of her personal property in her 1901 will.

The Haskell heirs in their attempt to overthrow the will made the argument that the daughters were only

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Leslie Macina	August 31
Ben Studley	September 1
Diego Perry	September 1
Elizabeth H. Watkins	September 1
Haylie Margaret Senna	September 1
Mary Ellen Murphy	September 1
Brian Curry	September 2
Madelyn Collins	September 2
Paige Mello	September 2
William J. Watkins	September 2
Bailey Avis Sweet	September 3
Edward Lewis	September 3
John Patrick McInnis	September 3
James Gracia	September 4
Leonard Randall	September 5
Margaret A. Moreno	September 5
Thomas Braman Jr	September 5
Jake Mourao	September 6
James Sylvia	September 6
Piper Tobia	September 6
Shawntae Gilbert	September 6

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given a life estate in their father's will. It was therefore, the construction of Nathaniel's will, written in 1837 and probated in 1941, that came into question.

Judge C. T. Davis disagreed with their interpretation of that will. Concluding that when Nathaniel included the words "and their heirs", he meant to give the property to his daughters" in full". After two years of litigation, George H. Silveira became the owner of the Haskell homestead which he, along with Eugenia, had tended for many years.

Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council (RCC) is now accepting online applications from organizations, schools and individuals for grants to support community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs. If you have a great idea for bringing culturally enriching programming to the Rochester area and need funding to make it a reality, we can help. The online application window will be open from **September 1 to October 17**.

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by Stephan Pastis

the town of Rochester and to surrounding community projects that would substantially enrich Rochester. Inspiration may include programs such as school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music and film. RCC projects may take place in schools, community centers, libraries, elder care, facilities, town halls, parks and wherever communities come together.

The RCC is a part of the Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program which is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences annually. This program is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency who yearly award local councils more than $3 million in grants to more than 5,000 cultural programs statewide. See masscultural council.org/ for more information.

Quick links to tips for grant writing and the application process can be found on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/rochestermaculturalcouncil or bit.ly/RCCTips.

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The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 6**. This is our first meeting of the Machacam Club 2023/2024 year – we look forward to having everyone together for some great comfort food and a few laughs following our summer break. We meet at the American Legion Eastman Post on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker program begins at 6:45. Chief Colby will be preparing a delicious meat loaf dinner. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chuck at cwmccullough@comcast.net with questions.

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Silveira, Amandio Silveira, Alyson	Swift, Joseph E TR 72 Fairhaven Road NT	74 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	08/11/2023	349,000.00
Boat Rock Road LLC	Windmill Square LLC Windmill, Square Lp	Industrial Dr Lot 2 & Pcl 3	Mattapoisett	08/11/2023	9,922,500.00
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Matschulat, Richard R Ocallaghan, Elizabeth A	Fleming, Pamela K	5 Laurel St	Mattapoisett	08/14/2023	570,000.00
Lawrence, Jarred	Dudley, Geraldine TR Lapointe, Jean TR Geraljean Realty Trust	45 Neck Rd	Rochester	08/15/2023	100,000.00
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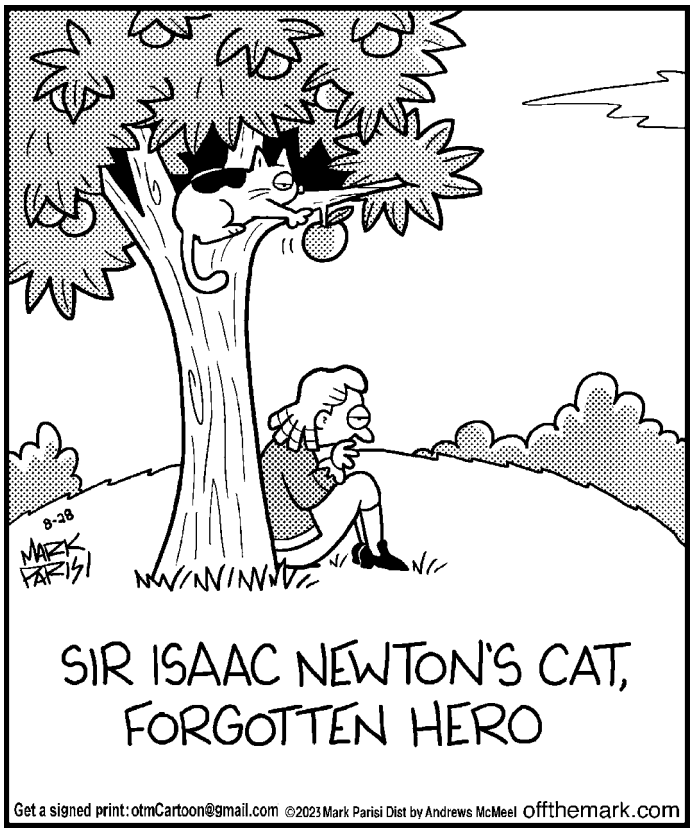

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Thursday	August 31	8:42	9:07	2:24	2:36
Friday	September 1	9:32	9:56	3:07	3:32
Saturday	September 2	10:22	10:45	3:47	4:23
Sunday	September 3	11:13	11:37	4:26	5:13
Monday	September 4		12:06	5:04	6:05
Tuesday	September 5	12:30	1:01	5:44	7:14
Wednesday	September 6	1:26	1:58	6:30	9:07
Thursday	September 7	2:22	2:57	7:26	10:23
Friday	September 8	3:21	4:01	8:40	11:19
Saturday	September 9	4:25	5:09	10:04	
Sunday	September 10	5:28	6:07	12:00	12:01
Monday	September 11	6:22	6:53	12:32	12:06
Tuesday	September 12	7:06	7:30	1:00	12:36
Wednesday	September 13	7:45	8:03	1:27	1:17
Thursday	September 14	8:20	8:34	1:57	1:58
Friday	September 15	8:54	9:06	2:27	2:39
Saturday	September 16	9:27	9:38	2:56	3:18
Sunday	September 17	10:00	10:14	3:25	3:55

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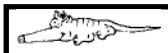
	New Moon	September 14th
	First Quarter	September 22nd
	Full Moon	September 29th



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solution

1. Admire 2. Lament; 3. Modest; 4. Lurch

Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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1	7	2	8	4	5	3	6	9
8	5	1	6	7	4	9	2	3
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7	6	4	3	9	2	1	8	5

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Apple Cider $4.99

3 lb. Bag
Sweet Clementines $5.99

Locally Grown
Corn on the Cob ..... 5/$4

Locally Grown Summer or
Zucchini Squash ..... $1.69 lb

Locally Grown
Tomatoes ..... $2.49 lb

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